

21—85.48 (214A,215) Advertisement of the price of liquid petroleum products for retail use.

85.48(1) Nothing in this rule shall be deemed to require that the price per gallon or liter or any grade or kind of liquid petroleum product sold on the station premises be displayed or advertised except on the liquid petroleum metering distribution pumps.

85.48(2) Petroleum product retailers, if they elect to advertise the unit price of their petroleum products at or near the curb, storefront or billboard, shall display the price per gallon or liter. The advertised price shall equal the computer price settings shown on the metering pump or shall be displayed in a manner clear to the purchaser for discounts offered for cash payment.

85.48(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subrule 85.48(2), cash only prices may be posted by the petroleum marketer on the following basis:

a. Cash only prices must be disclosed on the posted sign as “cash only” or similar unequivocal wording in lettering 3” high and ¼” in stroke when the whole number price being shown is 36” or less in height; or in lettering at least 6” high and ½” in stroke when the whole number price is more than 36” in height.

b. Cash prices posted or advertised must be available to all customers, regardless of type of service (e.g., full service or self-service); or grade of product (e.g., regular, unleaded, gasohol and diesel).

c. Cash and credit prices or discounts must be prominently displayed on the dispenser.

d. A chart showing applicable cash discounts expressed in terms of both the computed and posted price shall be available to the customer on the service station premises.

85.48(4) On all outside display signs, the whole number shall not be less than 6” in height and not less than 3/8” in stroke, and any fraction shall be at least one-third of the size of the whole number in both height and width.

85.48(5) The price must be complete, including taxes without any missing numerals or fractions in the price.

85.48(6) Price advertising signs shall identify the type of product (e.g., regular, unleaded, gasohol and diesel), in lettering at least 3” high and ¼” in stroke when the whole number price being shown is 36” or less in height, or in lettering at least 6” high and ½” in stroke when the whole number price is more than 36” in height.

85.48(7) A price advertising sign shall display, if in liters and may display if in gallons, the unit measure at least in letters of 3” minimum.

85.48(8) Directional or informational signs for customer location of the type of service or product advertised shall be clearly and prominently displayed on the station premises in a manner not misleading to the public.

85.48(9) The advertising of other commodities or services offered for sale by petroleum retailers in such a way as to mislead the public with regard to petroleum product pricing shall be prohibited.

85.48(10) Weights and measures motor vehicle fuels decals. All motor vehicle fuel kept, offered or exposed for sale or sold at retail containing over 1 percent of a renewable fuel shall be identified with a decal located on front of the motor vehicle fuel pump and placed between 30” and 50” above the driveway level or in an alternative location approved by the department. The appearance of the decal shall conform to the following standards adopted by the renewable fuels and coproducts advisory committee:

a. The only two sizes of decals approved are the following:

- (1) A design of 1.25” by 4”.
- (2) A design of 2” by 6”.

b. All labels shall have the word “with” in letters a minimum of .1875” high, and the name of the renewable fuel in letters a minimum of .5” high.

c. The use of color, design and wording shall be approved by the renewable fuels and coproducts advisory committee. The coordinator may receive input from any party including the weights and measures bureau of the department in recommending the color, design, and wording. The advisory committee shall approve the color, design, and wording to promote the use of renewable fuels.

d. All black and white fuel pump stickers shall be replaced by approved colorful fuel pump decals effective July 1, 1995.

e. Biodiesel fuel containing 5 percent or less of biodiesel does not require the biodiesel label.

f. Biodiesel fuel containing more than 5 percent but not more than 20 percent of renewable fuel must indicate on the label whether biodiesel or biomass-based diesel is the renewable fuel contained in the product. The label must also indicate that the fuel contains biodiesel or biomass-based diesel in quantities greater than 5 percent but not more than 20 percent. A specific blend percentage is not required on the label.

g. Biodiesel fuel containing more than 20 percent renewable fuel must indicate on the label whether biodiesel or biomass-based diesel is the renewable fuel contained in the product. The label must also reflect the specific percentage of biodiesel or biomass-based diesel in the product.

85.48(11) Ethanol blended gasoline classified as higher than E-15 shall have a visible, legible “for flex fuel vehicle only” sticker on the pump or pump handle.

85.48(12) Ethanol blended gasoline classified as higher than E-10 and up to E-15 shall have on the pump the federal sticker required by the Environmental Protection Agency in 40 CFR Part 80 published August 25, 2011.

85.48(13) Rescinded IAB 3/11/09, effective 4/15/09.

85.48(14) Octane rating of fuel offered for sale shall be posted on the pump in a conspicuous place. The octane rating shall be posted for registered fuels. No octane rating shall be posted on the pump for ethanol blended gasoline classified as higher than E-15. The minimum octane rating for gasoline offered for sale by a retail dealer is 87 for regular grade gasoline and 90 for premium grade gasoline.

85.48(15) Any gasoline labeled as “leaded” shall be produced with the use of any lead additive or contain more than 0.05 grams of lead per gallon or more than 0.005 grams of phosphorus per gallon. As used in this subrule, “lead additive” means any substance containing lead or lead compounds.

85.48(16) Ethanol blended gasoline shall be designated E-xx where “xx” is the volume percent of ethanol in the ethanol gasoline. Ethanol blended gasoline formulated with a percentage of ethanol between 70 and 85 percent by volume shall be designated as E-85. Biodiesel fuel shall be designated as B-xx where “xx” is more than 20 percent renewable fuel by volume.

85.48(17) A wholesale dealer selling ethanol blended gasoline or biodiesel fuel to a purchaser shall provide the purchaser with a statement indicating the actual volume percentage present. The statement may be on the sales slip provided or a similar document such as a bill of lading or invoice. This statement shall include the specific amount of biodiesel, even if the amount of renewable fuel is 5 percent or less.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 214A.3, 214A.16 and 215.18.